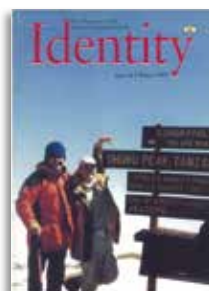


- 1967**
  - First public meeting of people with diabetes
  - Free insulin scheme announced
  - First committee of the Irish Diabetic Association formed
- 1968**
  - Irish Diabetic Association incorporated
- 1971**
  - Mr & Mrs Carroll and the committee obtain free diabetes medications for all under the Long Term Illness scheme
- 1980**
  - First Irish Diabetes Nurse employed in the Mater Hospital
- 1985**
  - Phil Vizzard becomes first staff member
- 1989**
  - Landmark St Vincent Declaration on diabetes. Phil Vizzard attends meeting in Italy on behalf of the Irish Diabetic Association
  - Úna Wilson joins the organisation's staff
- 1990**
  - EASD (European Association for the Study of Diabetes) meeting held in Dublin. An Educating the Educators programme was agreed at this meeting paving the way for the growth of the Diabetes Nurse Specialist role
  - Úna and Phil produce first information pack 'Live life to the full' which is launched by President Mary Robinson at the EASD meeting held in Dublin
  - First Children's Adventure Camp held in Donegal
- 1992**
  - Peggy Gunning joins the staff, eventually running the Helpline
- 1993**
  - Church gate collection launched by the Donegal Branch
- 1994**
  - Launch of first Diabetes Information Pack for Schools
- 1995**
  - Phil Vizzard Research Fellowship Grant established in memory of Phil
  - Children's Tadpole Club set up, later becoming Sweetpea Kidz Club
- 1996**
  - 'Identity' magazine launched
- 1997**
  - Young Adults Type 1 Diabetes Four Peaks Challenge
- 1998**
  - Name changed to Diabetes Federation of Ireland
- 1999**
  - First overseas fundraising trip to Kilimanjaro
  - First National Children's Adventure Camp
  - National Parents Support Network formed
  - Insurance industry agrees Specified Illness & Whole of Life Cover life cover scheme for Diabetes Federation of Ireland members & their families
- 2000**
  - 'New beginning' five-year strategy published
  - Travel insurance scheme launched for Diabetes Federation of Ireland members & their families
  - First Diabetes School Educational video launched
  - National Exercise Day launched to highlight role of prevention
- 2001**
  - St Vincent Group highlights disparities in Irish diabetes services
  - Clinical Nurse Specialist, Anne Clarke joins Diabetes Federation of Ireland
  - First conference for young people with diabetes in Delphi, Co Mayo
  - South Counties Diabetes Association integrated into Diabetes Federation of Ireland
  - Lo-call Diabetes Helpline launched
  - New interactive community website for people with diabetes in Ireland launched
  - First Diabetes Young Adult weekend held
  - Diabetes Federation of Ireland wins IDF (Europe) Patient Association of the Year Award
  - Diabetes Service Development Group (DSDG) set up
- 2002**
  - Southern Regional Office opened followed by Western Regional Office
  - Diabetes Ireland Professional Services Section set up
  - DSDG Report "Securing the Future" launched
  - Diabetes Federation of Ireland successfully advocated for High Cholesterol & Hypertensive medications for people with diabetes





to be included on the Long Term Illness scheme

- Received an Irish Pharmaceutical Commendation Award for an improving patient care initiative

## 2003

- First “Diabetes Health Awareness Exhibition” held
- Conference specifically for parents of children with diabetes held
- “Volunteer of the Year” initiative launched
- Launch of *Diabetes Ireland*, the new official journal of Diabetes Federation of Ireland



## 2004

- Initiative launched to train qualified counsellors to support people with diabetes
- Won the 2004 Irish Pharmaceutical Award for best public awareness initiative for its ‘Life Under 7’ campaign

## 2006

- Diabetes Federation invited to become a member of HSE Diabetes Expert Advisory Group (DEAG)
- Launch of ‘The way forward 2006-2010’
- Health Promotion team set up
- Motor industry stops discriminatory practices in car insurance for people with diabetes
- Former Chairperson Dr Tony O’Sullivan becomes President of IDF (Europe)

## 2007

- CODE Structured Education Programme launched
- IDF (Europe) ‘Together We Are Stronger’ meeting held in Dublin for first time



## 2008

- DEAG produces its first report

## 2009

- Diabetes Ireland Research Alliance (DIRA) established
- First “National Teen Activity Day” event held
- DIRA partners with Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to promote high quality diabetes research in Ireland

## 2010

- First HSE podiatrists employed to provide footcare service
- First “30Km Night Hike” held in Dublin

## 2011

- Look to the Future 2011-2015 strategy launched
- First podiatrists employed by Diabetes Ireland to provide footcare service
- HSE Paediatric Diabetes Working group set up
- First charity group to meet the new President at Aras an Uachtarain
- First Annual Paediatric Healthcare Professional Study Day held
- Diabetes Federation joins with other support groups to produce new resource pack ‘Managing chronic health conditions at school’



## 2012

- Republic of Ireland Diabetes Junior Team participated in International Diabetes Junior Cup

## 2013

- Diabetes Ireland moves to state-of-the-art premises in Santry, Dublin
- Free annual diabetes RetinaScreen programme introduced

## 2014

- First Diabetes Ireland Care Centre opens in Santry
- First National Junior Diabetes Cup event



## 2015

- HSE launches paediatric model of diabetes care
- Diabetes ‘Cycle of Care’ launched in primary care

## 2016

- “Changing Lives 2016-2020” strategy launched
- Cork Diabetes Ireland Care Centre opens
- Online interactive education module for diabetes patients launched
- Commemorative medals presented to those living with diabetes for over 50 years to celebrate 50th birthday of the charity

